

Application Type Renewal
Facility Type Storm Water
Major / Minor Minor

**NPDES PERMIT FACT SHEET
INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIAL WASTE (IW)
AND IW STORMWATER**

Application No. PAS322202
APS ID 502109
Authorization ID 1327066

Applicant and Facility Information

Applicant Name	<u>Blue Ridge Peat Farms Inc.</u>	Facility Name	<u>Blue Ridge Peat Farms</u>
Applicant Address	<u>133 Peat Moss Road</u> <u>White Haven, PA 18661-3801</u>	Facility Address	<u>Sand Spring Road</u> <u>Cresco, PA 18326</u>
Applicant Contact	<u>Charles Evans</u>	Facility Contact	<u>Charles Evans</u>
Applicant Phone	<u>(570) 443-9596</u>	Facility Phone	<u>(570) 443-9596</u>
Client ID	<u>70785</u>	Site ID	<u>544009</u>
SIC Code	<u>1499,2875</u>	Municipality	<u>Barrett Township</u>
SIC Description	<u>Manufacturing - Fertilizers, Mixing Only, Mining - Miscellaneous Nonmetallic Minerals, Nec</u>	County	<u>Monroe</u>
Date Application Received	<u>September 1, 2020</u>	EPA Waived?	<u>Yes</u>
Date Application Accepted	<u>December 29, 2021</u>	If No, Reason	<u>-</u>
Purpose of Application	<u>Application for the Renewal of Individual Stormwater Permit</u>		

Summary of Review

The applicant is requesting renewal of an NPDES permit to discharge stormwater associated with industrial activity to an unnamed tributary to Cranberry Creek (stream code 4950), a HQ-CWF/MF designated receiving stream in state water plan basin 01-E (Brodhead Creek). As per the Department's current existing use list, the receiving stream does not have an existing use classification that is more protective than its designated use. The applicant is not proposing any new or additional flow.

The facility is categorized by SIC codes 1499 (Miscellaneous Nonmetallic Minerals) and 2875 (Fertilizers, Mixing Only). Previously, the applicant was covered under Appendix J monitoring requirements for the PAG-03 general permit and was required to monitor annually for Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN), and Total Iron. As the facility operates under two SIC codes, the permit now falls under Appendices F (Chemicals and Allied Products) and J (Additional Facilities) monitoring requirements. If approved for renewal, the permittee will be required to monitor semiannually for the following parameters: pH, Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD), TSS, Nitrate + Nitrite-Nitrogen, Total Phosphorus, Total Lead, Total Zinc, Total Iron, Total Aluminum, and Oil and Grease. This includes benchmark values of 120 mg/L for COD, 100 mg/L for TSS, and 30 mg/L for Oil and Grease. The benchmark values are not effluent limitations, and exceedances do not constitute permit violations. However, if the permittee's sampling demonstrates exceedances of benchmark values for two consecutive monitoring periods, the permittee shall submit a corrective action plan within 90 days of the end of the monitoring period triggering the plan.

The Stormwater Part C requirements include Best Management Practices (BMPs), Routine Inspections, Preparedness, Prevention, and Contingency Plan, and Stormwater Monitoring Requirements. The permit requires implementation of a PPC plan and requires completion of an annual inspection and compliance evaluation.

As of July 14, 2022, the client has three open violations that may warrant withholding issuance of the permit.

Approve	Deny	Signatures	Date
X		<i>Rory Sgarlat</i> Rory Sgarlat, E.I.T. / Environmental Engineering Specialist	July 14, 2022
X		Amy M. Bellanca (signed) Amy M. Bellanca, P.E. / Environmental Engineer Manager	7-15-22

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Public Participation

DEP will publish notice of the receipt of the NPDES permit application and a tentative decision to issue the individual NPDES permit in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* in accordance with 25 Pa. Code § 92a.82. Upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, DEP will accept written comments from interested persons for a 30-day period (which may be extended for one additional 15-day period at DEP's discretion), which will be considered in making a final decision on the application. Any person may request or petition for a public hearing with respect to the application. A public hearing may be held if DEP determines that there is significant public interest in holding a hearing. If a hearing is held, notice of the hearing will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* at least 30 days prior to the hearing and in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the geographical area of the discharge.

